

TBCSG Webinar: Multi-national River Basin Management and Transboundary Conservation

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The exchange of knowledge and experiences and reinforce the collaboration between members is one of the main objectives of the TBCSG. To facilitate this exchange, a series of webinars on various topics related to cross-border cooperation for conservation is planned for 2024-25. All TBCSG's members are invited to take part in the webinars, and also to suggest to the TBCSG Executive Committee new topics they wish to be explored in future webinars. Webinars will be recorded and the presentations will be available for the members. Thanks for your participation!

TBCSG WEBINAR 2024 – n. 2: Multi-national River Basin Management and the role of Transboundary Conservation

Many countries around the world share river basins and therefore have an interest in the collaborative management and use of the water resources. As such river basin management entities have been established to facilitate this collaboration. At the same time, transboundary conservation has become a recognised approach to the achievement of common conservation goals across ecosystems that have been divided by international boundaries, and many of these initiatives are located within shared river basins. This provides the ideal opportunity for entities with common interests to collaborate further given that the achievement of ecosystem conservation objectives through transboundary conservation arrangements will contribute to the sustainable management of shared river basins. This webinar will explore the role which transboundary conservation can play in the enhancement of shared river basin management and present case studies, thus providing a platform for the sharing of knowledge and experiences and for learning.

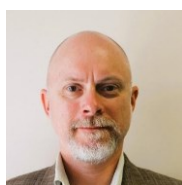
The webinar is free. The number of attendees is limited to 100, so registration is necessary and priority will be given to TBCSG's members.

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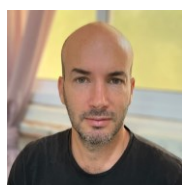
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AGENDA	
14:00	<i>Stefania Petrosillo and Piet Theron: Welcome</i>
14:05	Kevan Zunkel: Challenges in Multi-national River Basin Management and the Role of Transboundary Conservation
14:15	Interventions: <i>Eddie Riddell: Multinational Management within the Limpopo Commission - South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique</i> <i>Nadav Tal: Harnessing Water for Regional Cooperation - Israel, Palestine and Jordan</i> <i>Henk Zingstra: Transboundary Management of the Latorica River - Ukraine and Slovakia</i>
15:00	Questions and Answers, Debate (*) Moderated by Kevan Zunkel
15:25	<i>Kevan Zunkel and Stefania Petrosillo: Conclusions</i>

(*) This webinar will be in English. We cannot offer official translation, but we would like to avoid as much as possible the language barrier. So if needed, we can accept questions in other languages that we will informally translate on the spot.



Eddie Riddell is the Regional Co-ordinator for a UNDP-GEF International Waters program within the Limpopo Watercourse Commission (LIMCOM) & Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA). He served as the freshwater ecosystem manager for the Kruger National Park, South African National Parks (SANParks). Dr Riddell's research and technical approaches aims to achieve resilient river basin management and adaptive ecosystem outcomes. Through this his work has a transboundary focus, in southern Africa, harmonising the mutual interests of River Basin Organisations (RBOs) and Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs). He is also an Honorary Research Associate at the Centre for Water Resources Research, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, and a registered Water Resources Professional with SACNASP.



Water Officer at EcoPeace since 2015, **Nadav Tal** is a professional hydrologist. Previously, he worked in the private sector as a consultant for Israel's Ministry of Environmental Protection in the field of soil contamination and groundwater remediation. In 2011, he completed his studies in groundwater remediation at Princeton University. Mr Tal is an environmental activist dedicated to nature conservation and environmental protection, integrating outdoor activities across the Middle East. He previously managed the "Good Water Neighbors" project alongside his role as a Community Coordinator, and led research with Oxford University on water use efficiency in the Jordan River Basin.

Today, he is leading EcoPeace efforts on environmental conservation in the Dead Sea basin and protection of UNESCO world heritage sites.



Henk Zingstra is part of a project funded by the Endangered Landscapes and Seascapes Programme aiming to initiate transboundary collaboration on the Latorica River, shared between Ukraine and Slovakia. Mr Zingstra was project manager of several projects in the field of nature protection and integrated water resources management across Europe. Among others, he led a project that brought the former Yugoslav countries together to establish the Sava River Basin Commission and to develop an ecological network along the Sava River. He contributed to fostering collaboration between Spain

and Portugal on their shared rivers and managed a project that resulted in the designation of a transboundary Ramsar site along the Estonia-Latvia border. He is currently self-employed and works for Wetlands International Europe and Eurosite.



Kevan Zunkel is an independent ecological and environmental management consultant, with experience in both

river basin management and transboundary conservation. He is Senior Advisor to the TBCSG.



Stefania Petrosillo is expert on Protected Areas and international cooperation. She is self-employed

and works as consultant for the European Commission. She is Co-chair of the TBCSG.



Piet Theron is Landscape Architect. He works for Conservation International and

he is Senior Advisor of Greater Kruger & Mozambique. He is co-Chair of the TBCSG.